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**"PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT"**

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10 INVENTION: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND PRINTING  
INFORMATION

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15 SIR:

Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the national stage before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371 as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

20 Enclosed is a Substitute Specification that has been amended to place the International application into form for U.S. prosecution. Also enclosed is a marked up version of the specification showing the changes made to the original application which resulted in the substitute specification.